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In re

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, and in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 3, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration on the merits of the application and allowance of the claims. This response is accompanied by a petition for extension of time, extending the period for reply from September 3, 2003 to December 3, 2003, a notice of appeal, and the appropriate fees.

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